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## KEEPING THE MONEY AT HOME

Besides those who sell the stuff, there really are a lot of confused people who think there is wealth for the community in the waste and wrong of whisky, that booze booms business, and all that sort of thing. One meets these victims of saloon logic even in the prosperous dry towns of the west. They ought to ponder the wisdom of a Delaware judge who sentenced an inebriate to drink at home. The Buffalo Express quotes his Honor as follows:

"Give your wife two dollars to buy a gallon of whisky. There are sixty-nine drinks in one gallon. Buy your drinks from no one but your wife, and by the time the first gallon is gone she will have four dollars to put in the bank, and two dollars more to start business again. Should you then ten years and continue to buy from her, and then die with snakes in your boots, she will have enough to bury you decently, educate your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and quit thinking about you."

That's the whole truth about whisky and wealth, and we hope other police court judges will follow this precedent.—Collier's Weekly.

## FOR THEIR NEIGHBORS

The hardest housekeeping in the world is the housekeeping that people do for their neighbors. Half the troubles we have are caused by worrying about what people think. What difference does it make what they think, anyway? No one can live his own life and two or three other people's lives besides. What's the use of setting up housekeeping on the roof or on the outside walls for the benefit of the neighbors? You would rightly be judged insane if you suggested anything of the kind, and that is practically what half the people do. They can't do this simply because the neighbors would talk, and they can't do that because the neighbors wonder if they could not afford to do something else. They may not say it in so many words, but they mean it, and it is simply a great big vacuum in some of our natures where moral courage ought to be. Half the stinging of poverty or small means is gone when one keeps house for himself and not for his neighbors.

## "MEMENTO MORI"

The early Christian philosophers frequently used the Latin phrase, "Memento Mori," meaning by that to warn sinners of the approach of death. The world moves on; Latin becomes a dead language; ragtime dominates our amusements, and physicians of the body tell us to forget the admonitions of former spiritual advisers and "Remember Life."

"What is death," they ask, "except the end of things in which everyone else is more concerned than ourselves, even though we are the principal actor therein?" Dr. Woods Hutchinson, president-elect of the American Academy of Medicine, says that overeating is the chief trouble of the American people. He warns us to remember that the correct way to live is to be temperate in all things, especially in eating, and drives home the fact that "It doesn't matter in the least how fast we dig our own graves, so long as we do not fall into them too previously." All of which brings us to the fact, physicians are continually showing that the American people die before their time because they are intemperate—not in drinking, as the prohibitionists would have us believe, but in overworking, overeating and overliving. The sight of a drunken man, even in the great cities, is comparatively a rare one. Few saloons, nowadays, will sell to a drunken man. But no into a restaurant and watch people

overeat. Note the fat paunches, the hanging jaws, the dead eyes, the giddy walks of those you pass and you will not be astonished at the physicians' statements. Temperance is moderate indulgence. It is just as bad morally and physically, to overeat as it is to overdrink. In our fight for temperance in drinking, we must not overlook that other, great evil—overeating. Remember life!

## FRANK TAKEN OUT AND LYNCHED BY A MOB

One of the most daring pieces of mob law yet perpetrated in the United States was pulled off Monday night of this week at Milledgeville, Georgia, when twenty-five armed and masked men overpowered the guards at the state prison farm and hurried away with Leo Frank, the noted life-terminator convicted of murder. All the wires of communication had been previously cut, and the mob and their prey were a long way off before the alarm could be effectively spread. It was at first believed that the plot was a conspiracy to free Frank, but later reports gave the news that it was a lynching party, which rushed out to Frank a speedy death when away from the prison.

## ADVERTISING THE COUNTY FAIR

By the time this issue of the News reaches the subscriber, the County Fair management will have in course of distribution five thousand premium lists for the fair to be held next month, which will be given a wide distribution over this and adjoining counties, and which offers a first, second, and third premium for all sorts of things, in many departments. In addition to these lists, which are the size of a six-column four-page newspaper, there are being distributed many thousands of circulars, and several thousand placards advertising the fair.

## "BOOSTER TRIP POSTPONED"

The booster trip to advertise the County Fair and the varied lines of business of the city, which was to have been pulled off for three days commencing the 24th of this month, has been postponed owing to the inclement weather, which has made thorough preparations and plans an impossibility. The date which has been tentatively decided upon is September 7th, although this has not yet been finally decided upon.

## PREDICTS END OF WAR

Kusa Man Says Conflict Will End Suddenly as It Commenced, and That President Wilson Will Handle Negotiations.

According to J. B. Dickinson, of Kusa, Okla., the European war will end as suddenly as it commenced. He says that within sixty days peace negotiations will be under way, and President Wilson will have much to do with arranging the terms. "American diplomacy will at once take first rank, and the United States will have practical control over all future difficulties which may arise between European countries," declares the optimist and student of men and affairs.

"I emphatically deny the oft-repeated claim that the war is a 'blessing in disguise.' The reverse of this is true. The whole world, as we know it, is suffering from the effects of this terrific conflict. When peace is declared, however, this country will immediately have a boom, the wheels of industry will hum as never before. This country will profit immensely by reason of the war, when it is over, but so long as it continues we cannot hope to make much progress.

"Oklahoma, by reason of her wonderful natural resources, gas, oil and cheap coal, will continue for some years to develop along industrial lines. The time is not far distant when Oklahoma will rank among the leading manufacturing states, concluded the Kusa optimist.

## DON'T WASTE THE MANURE AND STRAW

Too many farmers are losing a valuable opportunity to improve the fertility of their farms by not making use of all the straw and barnyard manure at their disposal. The soil needs every pound of manure that it can get. Spread it on the pastures, the meadows, and the fields. You can't grow too much grass or too much grain. If your land is thin and needs more manure than you have on the farm it will pay you to haul manure during the fall from the livery stables in town. The increased crop yields that will result will startle you.

Instead of burning the straw stalks or allowing them to rot, feed all you can and use the rest for bedding. Be sure to bed heavily so that there will be sufficient straw to absorb all the liquids. Spread this bedding material thinly over the fields by means of a spreader. Do this daily if enough manure is available and you will get this fertility out where it will go into the soil instead of being wasted.

If your stock cannot utilize all of your straw spread it out over your fields with a straw spreader as early as possible after the grain is threshed. This material when plowed under in the fall will increase greatly the soil fertility. Most soils need humus. In fact much trouble is lack of humus rather than lack of fertility. The addition of humus or vegetable matter will increase greatly the capacity of the soil to absorb and retain the moisture from the winter rains and snows, and thereby increase the productivity of any soil, no matter how fertile it may be. Burning straw stacks ought to be made a crime. Save the straw and put it back on the land where it belongs.—Oklahoma Farmer.

## WEATHER FORECAST

The U. S. Weather Bureau predicts the following conditions for the week commencing Wednesday, August 18: Generally fair weather indicated, with reasonable temperatures.

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# Important Conference to be Held Here in October

One of the most important coming events for Oklahoma is the 1915 Oklahoma State Conference for Social Welfare, to be held in Durant in October. At this conference will be gathered together representatives of the State penal and charitable institutions, of schools and colleges, of churches, women's clubs, and other organizations concerned in making the State better.

The conference is to be held under the direction of the Oklahoma State Conference for Social Welfare which was organized in Oklahoma City last fall, and which grew out of the conferences on charities and corrections which were begun by Miss Kate Leonard during her term of office as Commissioner of Charities and Corrections. At the last conference of this kind, which was held at Oklahoma City last fall, the members in attendance decided to widen the scope of the work and change the name of the organization to the Oklahoma State Conference for Social Welfare. The idea was to have a conference which would bring together representatives of all the important State organizations which are actively engaged in promoting the betterment of the State along social, moral, and cultural lines. These organizations will comprise men and women from all parts of the State, and from every walk of life. They will include public officials, teachers, preachers, professional men, farmers, merchants, laborers, social and charitable workers, and members of fraternal societies.

Nearly every commonwealth in the United States now has an annual conference on social welfare, similar to the one to be held in Durant, which serves as a general round-up of its social workers. It is the means of bringing to light the needs of the State, and the up to date ideas in regard to efficiency in public institutions and the improvement of civic and social conditions. The proceedings of the annual conferences are usually printed in book form and contain articles and addresses of very great practical value.

The meeting at Durant will have as attractions: Governor R. L. Williams, Senator Robert L. Owen, and other speakers of conspicuous ability, and a record-breaking attendance is expected. The tentative program is as follows:

Opening Address—"The State as a Servant of the People," Governor R. L. Williams.

Rural Betterment—"The Social Center Movement," Senator R. L. Owen.

"Model Farm Houses and Farm Yards," Prof. Jerome Dowd, State University.

"Needed Reform in Rural Education," Dr. W. L. Carlyle, A. & M. College.

Civic Betterment—"Work of the State Civic Association," Mrs. Reuel Haskell, Oklahoma City.

"Work of the Women's Clubs in Behalf of Civic Betterment," Mrs. DeRoss Bailey, Muskogee.

"Better Care of Public Streets and Public Buildings," Mrs. Reford Bond of Chickasha.

"The Function of Organized Charity in the Town and City," Mrs. E. N. Gould.

Social Service Work of the Church—"Work of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America," by Rev. Phil. Baird, Oklahoma City.

"Rural Churches as a Social Center," Dr. J. W. Scroggs, of State University.

"How May the Church Promote Civic Health, Beauty and Righteousness, and Become a More Effective Educator of the People?" Rev. C. S. Bodwell, Oklahoma City.

"How Far is the Church Responsible for the Sins and Crimes of Society?" Rev. H. H. Hulten, Oklahoma City.

Conservation of Health—"Lessons From the Statistics on Mortality," Dr. C. R. Day, Oklahoma City.

"Municipal Cleanliness," Dr. J. W.

Duke, Guthrie.

"The Wider Use of Hospitals and the Trained Nurse," Miss Ida Austen, Shawnee.

Administration of State Charities and Correctional Institutions.

"The Employment Bureau as a Preventive Agency," Hon. W. G. Ashton.

"What Are We Doing and What Should We Do For the Orphans?" Hon. W. D. Matthews.

"What Are We Doing, and What Should We Do For the Insane?" Dr. W. S. Griffin.

"What Are We Doing, and What Should We Do For the Deaf?" Hon. J. W. Blatter.

"What Are We Doing, and What Should We Do For the Blind?" Hon. O. W. Stewart.

"What Are We Doing, and What Should We Do For the Feeble-Minded?" Dr. W. L. Kendall.

"What Are We Doing, and What Should We Do For the Delinquent Children?" Mrs. Thos. H. Doyle, Oklahoma City.

## AMERICANS' MILITARY DUTY

General Wood Says Over Million Men in United States' Volunteer Army at Present.

Plattsburgh, N. Y., Aug. 18.—The United States has plenty of material for a volunteer army of one and a quarter million men, and all that is now needed are plans for utilizing it. So Major General Wood declared here today in a statement as to the preparedness of the Nation for war. The chief need, he said, was officers and he advocated training students in their junior and senior years along the same lines as are now being used at the military camp of instruction here.

General Wood says the country has three sources of supply from which to draw officers. First of these, he asserted, were men in the regular service, militia men or men who have had military training and are now in private life. Second, he would obtain officers from a list secured from the War Department and who would be from military schools or institutions in which some military training is given. For an army of one and a quarter million men, General Wood said the Nation would need 40,000 officers. From these 15,000 should be chosen each year for special grades of the service. These men eventually he would have become the higher grade of officers for volunteers.

Referring to military service, General Wood said:

"No one has a right to consider his discharge of duty as a soldier as voluntary. This duty is an obligation which is binding upon all who are mentally and physically fit and within certain age limits. A man has no more right to speak of volunteering to discharge his duties to the Nation as a soldier than he has to talk of volunteering to obey moral law or pay his just debts."

General Wood also took a strong stand against waiting until time of war to organize a volunteer army. He said that such a plan would be about as effective as waiting until a fire broke out to organize a fire department. Soldiers enlisted at such time, he said, would not know what was expected of them.

Crane, Mo.—W. H. Hilton, 65, has a peculiar affliction which prevents him from speaking to persons near him. He can only talk to persons or animals at a distance.

See E. M. Evans for typewriters.



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# Movable Schools Successful in Work in Bryan County

The movable agricultural schools held in this county last week are called a success by County Farm Agent Fash and District Agent White, of McAlester, three movable schools being held during the week, one each at Bokchito, Caddo, and Achille.

The Caddo school was held August 24th and 25th, with an attendance of one hundred and fifty. One hundred and seventy-five attended at Bokchito on the 11th and 12th, while Achille turned out the same number on the 15th and 14th. In his report to the Department on the work of the school, Mr. Fash says, in part:

"The result of the Movable Agricultural School conducted in Bryan County this week was, in my opinion, very satisfactory, taking into consideration the full amount of benefit those in attendance received from the school at each point. Those attending the first day, returned the second day. It is nearly impossible for the faculty to give all the lectures and demonstrations in one day and move to another point. While the attendance in this county was not as large as I should have been or as large as I expected, however, those in attendance came to learn all they could, and all expressed themselves as being well pleased with the educational side of the school, and asked that the work be put on again at some future date.

"Monday and Tuesday at Caddo, those in attendance were very attentive and asked a great many questions concerning livestock, and values of different feed crops. The ladies at Caddo took no interest whatever in the Women's department. At Bokchito the ladies were well represented and were well pleased with the instructions. The farmers at Bokchito received a double lesson on Corn Culture, which proved valuable. A boy in the Boys' Corn Club brought in ten ears of corn from his plot that

taught the farmers what real corn culture means.

"The corn brought in by this lad was produced from well selected seed, and was grown on sandy clay land, treated with barnyard manure.

"Good lessons were given in livestock judging. In cattle, beef types were called for more than dairy types. All were well pleased at Bokchito. Friday and Saturday we were at Achille. Not many of the farmers were in on Friday. Lectures were given on general feeding, and there was some corn judging. Saturday there was a good attendance. The farmers seemed to be interested in general corn culture than in any one thing. Some beef types of cattle were brought in, and good lectures on these types were given, also on draft horses, which were interesting to the majority of the farmers. All attending at Achille were well pleased.

"The greatest drawback in this county in conducting a school of this kind is in getting the tenant farmer interested. Their complaint is the one-year system of leasing, which prohibits them from conducting the best methods of farming, and their general reply is that we had better remedy that evil, instead of asking them to do something they can't do. Consequently, they are not interested in such things, and the majority will not attend.

"John M. White, the McAlester District Manager, assisted in conducting the schools, and expressed gratification at the results obtained the first year."

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